Castes/Scheduled Tribes on the basis of the lists of SCs/STs notified under the Constitution (SC) Order, 1950 and Constitution (ST) Order, 1950 and other relevant orders and certified as such by the competent authority. Candidates belonging to communities which are notified as other backward classes by the Ministry of Welfare Resolution are treated as Other Backward Classes candidates. Those candidates who do not fall under any of the categories mentioned above are treated as General candidates.

(c) and (d) The requisite information is not Centrally monitored.

Statement

The Number of persons belonging to the States of Arunachal, Manipur and Meghalaya recruited as IAS, IFS and IPS during the last three years

	(Direct Recruits)			(Promotee Officers)		
Yrs	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
Arunachal Pradesh						
IAS	0	0	0	2	3	-
IFS	0	0	0	0	0	0
IPS	0	0	0	0	0	1
Meghalaya:						
IAS	0	0	1	1	1	3
IFS	0	0	0	0	0	0
IPS	1	0	0	2	0	2
Manipur						
IAS	0	1	0	4	1	2
IFS	2	1	2	1	0	0
IPS	1	0	1	0	1	1

Hostages in Kashmir

6046. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some concrete efforts have been made by the Government regarding the release of 19 month old captivity of four Western Hostages in Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Government has been reviewing and monitoring the situation pertaining to the abduction and hostage taking of 4 foreign tourists in Jammu & Kashmir on a continuous basis, and all possible efforts are being made to locate their whereabouts. The State Government has constituted a Special Investigation Team for giving impetus to the investigation and inquiries in the case, as also to try and get information regarding their status and whereabouts. The State Government has also announced a scheme of rewards to persons giving specific information in this regard, and wide publicity has been given to this through press and media. A nodal officer has also been designated at the Central level to collect and review on a continuing basis, any information having relevance to the situation of the hostages issue that may be received from any source, and regular interaction and follow up is also being maintained with the State Government in the matter.

The Government has also maintained close and continuous interaction with representatives of the countries whose nationals have been taken hostage, by way of sharing of information and exchange of ideas aimed at achieving the common objective of tracing and locating the hostages at the earliest. Action on all these fronts continues to be intensively pursued.

Light Rail Transit System in Hyderabad

6047. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the Light Rail Transit System of Hyderabad stands at present;

(b) the amount released so far for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union and State Government so far for its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) For implementing Light Rail Transit System in Hyderabad,